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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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**Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79, Reassessment of Federal
Communications Commission Radiofrequency Exposure Limits and
Policies, ET Docket No. 13-84**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 7, 2018, the undersigned, along with Paul Meyer of the North Carolina Municipal League met with Commissioners Brendan Carr and Jessica Rosenworcel, to discuss broadband deployment issues related to municipal governments.

During the meetings, we urged Commissioners Carr and Rosenworcel to preserve traditionally held local authority over matters of wireless facilities siting. We also discussed the interplay between current and pending state legislation focused on small cell deployment, and any potential federal rulemaking. For example, the state of North Carolina has heavily preempted local authority over both small cell deployment and construction of municipal broadband networks. However, this preemption has not resulted in robust availability of broadband to communities throughout the state. Private-only investment remains focused in large metropolitan areas, largely passing by municipalities in the coastal and mountain regions. We also again called on the Commission to update its radiofrequency exposure data, which helps local officials eager to site new technologies respond to resident concerns about the safety of this infrastructure, which is often much closer to pedestrians and residences than traditional wireless infrastructure.

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Angelina Panettieri

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